

ORDINANCE NO. 3953

AN ORDINANCE to add a new Article N (ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY) to Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT), and to amend and reordain subsections (i) and (m) of Section 9-3-282 (RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADMINISTRATOR), of Article O (ADMINISTRATOR), and to repeal Article P (ALEXANDRIA CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMISSION), of Chapter 3 (CABLE TELEVISION REGULATION), Title 9 (LICENSING AND REGULATION), all of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981, as amended.

WHEREAS, on June 18, 1994, city council approved Ordinance No. 3727 which, in part, established the Alexandria Cable Television Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, on October 11, 1994, city council adopted Resolution No. 1709 which established the Alexandria Ad-Hoc Task Force on Information and Communication Technologies; and

WHEREAS, in February 1996, the United States Congress enacted the Telecommunications Act of 1996, enabling the entry of telephone companies into video services and the entry of cable television operators into telecommunications services; and

WHEREAS, in March 1997, city council proclaimed Technology Week in the city and recognized the finalists and the recipient of the city's first Technology Achievement Award for the development of new information and telecommunications technology or the innovative use of existing information and telecommunications technology; and

WHEREAS, in adopting the FY 1998-FY 2003 Capital Improvement Program on May 1, 1997, city council approved the city's first comprehensive Information Technology Plan, encompassing public access development, network infrastructure, e-mail and workflow messaging, financial systems, geographical information systems, public safety systems, and other systems development; and

WHEREAS, city council has determined that the public interest would be served by the establishment of an advisory body to assist council in considering the developments in information and telecommunications technology; and

WHEREAS, the Alexandria Cable Television Advisory Commission and the Alexandria Ad-Hoc Task Force on Information and Communication Technologies have approved the creation of such a new body to advise city council on cable, Internet, telephone and other electronic technologies affecting the citizens of Alexandria; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That Article P of Chapter 3, Title 9 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, repealed.

Section 2. That Resolution No. 1709, adopted October 11, 1994, be, and the same hereby is, repealed.

Section 3. That Chapter 4 of Title 2 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981, as amended, be, and the same hereby is, amended by adding a new Article N, to read as follows:

Article N

ALEXANDRIA COMMISSION ON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Section 2-4-112 Creation, composition and organization.

(a) There is hereby established a commission known as the Alexandria Commission on Information Technology ("commission").

(b) The commission shall consist of 15 members to be appointed by the city council. The composition of the commission shall be as follows:

- (1) two members from the city council;
- (2) one member representing the Alexandria City School Board;
- (3) one member from and representing the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce;
- (4) one member representing the Alexandria City Library Board;
- (5) one member representing the holder of the city's cable television franchise;
- (6) one member representing a provider of local telephone communication services in the city;
- (7) one member from and representing the budget and fiscal affairs advisory committee;
- (8) one member representing an institution of higher education located in Northern Virginia; and
- (9) six citizens-at-large.

(c) Members of the commission shall be appointed in the manner prescribed in article A of this title; provided, that a member who, under subsection (b), is representing an organization shall be nominated by the organization and appointed by city council.

(d) Members shall serve for a term of three years.

(e) All members of the commission shall, by virtue of their education, experience, interests, or employment, have a competence in one or more of the following areas:

- (1) cable television;
- (2) computer and networking technologies;
- (3) communication technologies;

- (4) application of computer technologies in an education environment;
- (5) budget and fiscal analysis; or
- (6) public access policies.

Sec. 2-4-113 Functions.

(a) The functions of the commission shall be as follows:

(1) to review annually the city manager's proposed information technology plan;

(2) to make recommendations to and advise the city government in the formulation and implementation of information and telecommunications policy, and to promote citizen participation in the formulation of such policy;

(3) to identify new information and telecommunications technologies, to evaluate their potential for enhancing the delivery of services by the city, and to identify the resources and legislative changes required to implement these technologies;

(4) to advise the city council concerning the use of funds for cable television access and local origination programming, concerning the construction and maintenance of facilities for the production of such programming, concerning the education of the public in the use of such facilities when they become available, and concerning other matters relating to cable television;

(5) to make an annual report to the city council which shall include a review and evaluation of the activities of the commission, including any comments or recommendations relative to its functions that it may choose to make; and

(6) to perform such other duties or functions as assigned by city council.

(b) The commission shall hold at least four regular meetings each year, and as many special meetings as the commission may deem advisable.

(c) The commission is empowered to adopt rules and regulations in regard to procedure so long as the same are not inconsistent with the city code, including, but not limited to, the establishment of committees through which it may carry on its functions and purpose.

(d) A commission chair, vice-chair and secretary shall be elected annually by the commission members at the organizational meeting designated by the commission.

(e) The department of financial and information technology services and the office of citizen assistance shall provide administrative and logistical support to the commission and its chair.

Section 4. That subsections (i) and (m) of Section 9-3-282 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended,

be, and the same hereby are, amended and reordained to read as follows:

(i) to promote, develop, and coordinate the use of public access channels in connection with the Alexandria Commission on Information Technology;

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(m) to provide staff assistance and information to the Alexandria Commission on Information Technology; and

Section 5. The determination of which of the initial members of the Alexandria Commission on Information Technology established by this ordinance shall serve the terms described below in this section shall be by lot, under the supervision of the executive secretary appointed pursuant to section 2-4-9 of The Code of the City of Alexandria, 1981, as amended. Five of the initial members shall serve one-year terms, five shall serve two-year terms and five shall serve three-year terms.

Section 6. That this ordinance shall become effective upon the date and at the time of its final passage.

KERRY J. DONLEY

Mayor

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